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Pennsylvania Cattle Inventory

HARRISBURG, PA, Dec 10, 2010 - - The Pennsylvania Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will be surveying approximately 1500 cattle farmers for its largest cattle survey of the year beginning December 30th and ending on January 11th. This will give the most accurate picture of the cattle situation for the entire year. Estimates will include the total number of cattle and calves as of January 1, 2011, as well as the total number of heifers, steers, milk cows, and beef cows.

Pennsylvania farmers had 1,620,000 cattle and calves on hand on January 1, 2010, up 30,000 head from the January 1, 2009 level.

The Keystone State's calf crop for 2009 was 610,000 remaining steady from one year ago. All cows that have calved, at 700,000, was also steady from last year. Milk cow inventory, at 540,000, is down 10,000 head from January 1, 2009. Beef cows totaled 160,000, up 10,000 head from last year's beef cow inventory. Milk cow replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, at 300,000, is up 30,000 head from last year's number. Beef cow replacement heifers, at 40,000, remained unchanged from last year.

Other heifers 500 pounds and over, at 50,000, is up 10,000 head from January 1, 2009. Steers in the same weight category, at 150,000, are down 10,000 head from last year's level. Bulls, at 25,000, were the same as January 1, 2009. All calves under 500 pounds, at 355,000, is up 20,000 head last year.

In late December and early January, Pennsylvania cattle operators will be contacted by an enumerator either by telephone or personal interview. *As with all surveys conducted by NASS, by federal law, survey data is kept confidential. Names, addresses, and information about individual operations are considered private information and are exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. Data on individual operations cannot be released to the public or to any other local, state, or national government agency under any circumstances.*

Results from the 2011 January Cattle Survey will be made available on January 28, 2011. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Pam Kanagy or Kevin Pautler at 717-787-3904.